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Adhere to UFC 1-300-02 Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).

NOTE: Piping materials, components, and supports are specified in other sections of the project specifications.

NOTE: The following information shall be shown on the project drawings:

1. Tensile strength, elongation, shear strength, size, length, type, and location of the welds, as necessary.

2. The project drawings should be checked to ensure that any supplementary information required by the paragraphs has been shown and that there is no conflict between the drawings and the
specifications. See also Note in paragraph entitled "Definitions." The project drawings must indicate, or text of the project specifications must specify, the tensile strength, elongation, shear strength, size, length, type, and location of the welds, as necessary.

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE (API)

API Std 1104 (2013; Errata 1-3 2014; Addendum 1 2014; Errata 4 2015; Addendum 2 2016) Welding of Pipeline and Related Facilities

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING (ASNT)

ASNT SNT-TC-1A (2016) Recommended Practice for Personnel Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (ASME)

ASME B31.3 (2016) Process Piping
ASME B31.4 (2019) Pipeline Transportation Systems for Liquid Hydrocarbons and Other Liquid
ASME B31.5 (2020) Refrigeration Piping and Heat
Transfer Components

ASME B31.9 (2017) Building Services Piping

ASME BPVC SEC I (2017) BPVC Section I-Rules for Construction of Power Boilers


ASME BPVC SEC IX (2017; Errata 2018) BPVC Section IX-Welding, Brazing and Fusing Qualifications

ASME BPVC SEC V (2017) BPVC Section V-Nondestructive Examination

AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY (AWS)


AWS A3.0M/A3.0 (2020) Standard Welding Terms and Definitions


AWS D1.1/D1.1M (2020) Structural Welding Code - Steel

AWS QC1 (2016) Specification for AWS Certification of Welding Inspectors


U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NARA)

29 CFR 1910 Occupational Safety and Health Standards

29 CFR 1926 Safety and Health Regulations for Construction

1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: The project drawings should be checked to ensure that any supplementary information required by the paragraphs has been shown and that there is no conflict between the drawings and the specifications.
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Section 23 03 00.00 20 BASIC MECHANICAL MATERIALS AND METHODS applies to this section with the additions and modifications specified herein.
1.3 DEFINITIONS

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NOTE: Insert the applicable ANSI piping codes. ANSI B31.2, "Fuel Gas Piping," and ASME B31.8, "Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems," not listed under paragraph entitled "References," may be used.
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AWS A3.0M/A3.0 [and applicable ANSI piping documents].

1.4 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list to reflect only the submittals required for the project.

The Guide Specification technical editors have designated those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G". Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army projects, a code of up to three characters within the submittal tags may be used following the "G" designation to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.

The "S" following a submittal item indicates that the submittal is required for the Sustainability eNotebook to fulfill federally mandated sustainable requirements in accordance with Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING. Locate the "S" submittal under the SD number that best describes the submittal item.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.
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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation; submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.][for information only. When used, a designation following the "G" designation identifies the office that will review the
submittal for the Government.] Submittals with an "S" are for inclusion in the Sustainability eNotebook, in conformance to Section 01 33 29 SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING. Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings
   Welding pressure piping

SD-07 Certificates
   Welding procedures qualification
   Nondestructive examination (NDE) procedures
   NDE personnel certification procedures
   Inspector certification
   Submit inspector certification and NDE personnel certification for record.

SD-11 Closeout Submittals
   Weld identifications

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

1.5.1 Welding Pressure Piping

Show location, length, and type of welds, and indicate postweld heat treatment and nondestructive testing as required.

1.5.2 Procedures

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NOTE: Insert the applicable ANSI piping codes.
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Develop and qualify procedures for welding metals included in the work. Do not start welding until welding procedures, welders, and welding operators have been qualified. Perform qualification testing by an approved testing laboratory, or by the Contractor if approved by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the qualified procedures. Notify the Contracting Officer at least 24 hours in advance of the time and place of the tests. When practicable, perform the qualification tests at or near the work site. Maintain current records of the test results obtained in welding procedure, welding operator/welder performance qualifications, and nondestructive examination (NDE) procedures. These records shall be readily available at the site for examination by the Contracting Officer. Qualify the procedures for making transition welds between different materials or between plates or pipes of different wall thicknesses. [ANSI Piping] [_____] requirements for branch connections may be used in lieu of detailed designs. Unless otherwise specified, the choice of welding process shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

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1.5.2.1 Previous Qualifications

Welding procedures, welders, and welding operators previously qualified by test may be accepted for the work without requalification provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

a. Copies of welding procedures, procedure qualification test records, and welder and welding operator performance qualification test records are submitted and approved in accordance with the paragraph entitled "Submittals."

b. Testing was performed by an approved testing laboratory or technical consultant or by the Contractor's approved quality control organization.

c. The welding procedures, welders, and welding operators were qualified in accordance with ASME BPVC SEC IX or AWS B2.1/B2.1M, AR-2 level; and base materials, filler materials, electrodes, equipment, and processes conformed to the applicable requirements of this specification.

d. The requirements of paragraph entitled "Welder and Welding Operator Performance Qualification" for renewal of qualification were met, and records showing name of employer and period of employment using the process for which qualified are submitted as evidence of conformance.

1.5.2.2 Performance

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NOTE: The paragraphs will be edited and inserted if necessary to ensure proper implementation of the "CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM." The specification writer or design engineer must indicate how much quality control of welding is needed for each project and who is to be responsible, i.e., primarily the Contractor or the Government. If quality control is to be the responsibility of the Government, delete paragraphs entitled "Performance" and "Qualification of Inspection and Nondestructive Examination (NDE) Personnel" through "NDE Personnel Qualification" and renumber paragraphs as necessary. Rarely will a project require 100 percent testing of welds by NDE methods. The designer must determine the required methods and the extent of inspection and testing and must indicate the extent in this or other sections of the project specifications or on the project drawings by notes, nondestructive test symbols, or other means. The specifications or project drawings must clearly indicate which joints require 100 percent NDE inspection, which joints require random NDE inspection, and which NDE methods are to be employed for each joint. For random inspection, the project drawings must indicate the location, number of joints, and minimum increment length of weld that will be subject to NDE inspection without predisclosing the exact spots to be examined. Joints not indicated to be tested by NDE methods shall be subject to visual inspection only. In cases where
The nature of the welding is such as to require visual inspection only, the requirements for nondestructive examinations should be deleted from these paragraphs and from paragraph entitled "Qualification of Inspection and Nondestructive Examination (NDE) Personnel."

The Contractor shall be responsible for the quality of joint preparation, welding, and examination. Clearly identify and record materials used in the welding operations. The examination and testing defined in this specification are minimum requirements. Provide additional examination and testing as necessary to achieve the quality required.

1.5.3 Welding Procedures Qualification

NOTE: The project drawings must indicate, or text of the project specifications must specify, the tensile strength, elongation, shear strength, size, length, type, and location of the welds, as necessary.

NOTE: Insert the applicable ANSI piping codes. ANSI B31.2, "Fuel Gas Piping," and ASME B31.8, "Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems," not listed under paragraph entitled "References," may be used.

Qualification of the welding procedures for each group of materials to be welded is required as indicated in ASME BPVC SEC IX. Record in detail and qualify the "Welding Procedure Specifications" for every welding procedure proposed. Qualification for each welding procedure shall conform to the requirements of ANSI Standards and to this specification. The welding procedures shall specify end preparation for welds, including cleaning, alignments, and root openings. Preheat, interpass temperature control, and postheat treatment of welds shall be as required by ANSI Piping documents, unless otherwise indicated or specified. Describe the type of backing rings or consumable inserts, if used, and, if they are to be removed, the removal process. Welding procedure qualifications shall be identified individually and referenced on the shop drawings or suitably keyed to the contract drawings.

1.5.4 Welder and Welding Operator Performance Qualification

NOTE: Insert the applicable ANSI piping codes. ANSI B31.2, "Fuel Gas Piping," and ASME B31.8, "Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems," not listed under paragraph entitled "References," may be used.

Qualify each welder and welding operator assigned to work covered by this specification by performance tests using equipment, positions, procedures, base metals, and electrodes or bare filler wires from the same
specification, classification, or group number that will be encountered on
his assignment. Welders or welding operators who make acceptable
procedure qualification tests will be considered performance-qualified for
the welding procedure used. Determine performance qualification in
accordance with [ASME BPVC SEC IX, [ANSI Piping Standards]] [_____] and as
specified.

1.5.5 Renewal of Qualification

Requalification of a welder or welding operator shall be required under
one or any combination of the following conditions:

a. When a welder or welding operator has not used the specific welding
   process for a period of 3 months. The period may be extended to 6
   months if the welder has been employed on another welding process.

b. There is specific reason to question the welder's ability to make
   welds that will meet the requirements of the specifications.

c. The welder or welding operator was qualified by an employer other than
   those firms performing work under this contract and a qualification
   test has not been taken within the preceding 12 months. Renewal of
   qualification under this condition need be made on only a single test
   joint or pipe of any thickness, position, or material to reestablish
   qualification for any thickness, position, or material for which the
   welder or welding operator had qualified previously.

1.5.6 Qualification of Inspection and (NDE) Personnel

Qualification of Inspection and Nondestructive Examination (NDE)
Personnel: Qualify inspection and nondestructive examination personnel in
accordance with the following requirements:

1.5.6.1 Inspector Certification

Qualify welding inspectors in accordance with AWS QC1.

1.5.6.2 NDE Personnel Certification Procedures

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NOTE: The paragraphs will be edited and inserted if
necessary to ensure proper implementation of the
"CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM." The
specification writer or design engineer must
indicate how much quality control of welding is
needed for each project and who is to be
responsible, i.e., primarily the Contractor or the
Government. If quality control is to be the
responsibility of the Government, delete paragraphs
entitled "Performance" and "Qualification of
Inspection and Nondestructive Examination (NDE)
Personnel" through "NDE Personnel Qualification" and
renumber paragraphs as necessary. Rarely will a
project require 100 percent testing of welds by NDE
methods. The designer must determine the required
methods and the extent of inspection and testing and
must indicate the extent in this or other sections
of the project specifications or on the project
drawings by notes, nondestructive test symbols, or

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other means. The referenced applicable publications and Army Technical Manual, "Welding Design, Procedures and Inspection," TM-5-805-7, will be used for guidance in determining inspection and testing requirements. The specifications or project drawings must clearly indicate which joints require 100 percent NDE inspection, which joints require random NDE inspection, and which NDE methods are to be employed for each joint. For random inspection, the project drawings must indicate the location, number of joints, and minimum increment length of weld that will be subject to NDE inspection without predisclosing the exact spots to be examined. Joints not indicated to be tested by NDE methods shall be subject to visual inspection only. In cases where the nature of the welding is such as to require visual inspection only, the requirements for nondestructive examinations should be deleted from these paragraphs and from paragraph entitled "Qualification of Inspection and Nondestructive Examination (NDE) Personnel."

Certify NDE personnel and establish a written procedure for the control and administration of NDE personnel training, examination, and certification. Base procedures on appropriate specific and general guidelines of training and experience recommended by ASNT SNT-TC-1A, [Supplement A-Radiographic] [Supplement B-Magnetic particle] [Supplement C-Ultrasonic] [and] [Supplement D-Liquid Penetrant].

1.5.6.3 Welding Procedures and Qualifications

a. Specifications and Test Results: Submit copies of the welding procedure specifications and procedure qualification test results for each type of welding required. Approval of any procedure does not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for producing acceptable welds. Submit this information on the forms printed in ASME BPVC SEC IX or their equivalent.

b. Certification: Before assigning welders or welding operators to the work, submit their names, together with certification that each individual is performance qualified as specified. Do not start welding work prior to procedure qualification. The certification shall state the type of welding and positions for which each is qualified, the code and procedure under which each is qualified, date qualified, and the firm and individual certifying the qualification tests.

1.5.7 Symbols

Conform to AWS A2.4.

1.5.7.1 Weld Identifications

Submit a list of the welders' names and symbol for each welder. To identify welds, submit written records indicating the location of welds made by each welder or welding operator.
1.5.8 Safety


1.6 ENVIRONMENTAL

Do not perform welding when the quality of the completed weld could be impaired by the prevailing working or weather conditions. The Contracting Officer will determine when weather or working conditions are unsuitable for welding.

1.7 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Deliver filler metals, electrodes, fluxes and other welding materials to the site in manufacturers' original packages and store in a dry space until used. Label and design packages properly to give maximum protection from moisture and to assure safe handling.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 WELDING MATERIALS

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NOTE: Normally, selection of the electrodes is done by the Contractor as part of his qualified welding procedure. In special cases, if the selection of the proper electrode is critical to the design, the designer may specify the electrodes to be used. In special cases it also may be necessary to specify the welding process.

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Comply with ASME BPVC SEC II-C. Welding equipment, electrodes, welding wire, and fluxes shall be capable of producing satisfactory welds when used by a qualified welder or welding operator using qualified welding procedures.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 WELDING

Do not deviate from applicable codes, approved procedures and approved shop drawings without prior written approval from the Contracting Officer. Materials or components with welds made off the site will not be accepted if the welding does not conform to the requirements of this specification unless otherwise specified. Assign each welder or welding operator an identifying number, letter, or symbol that shall be used to identify his welds. Each welder or welding operator shall apply his mark adjacent to his weld using an approved rubber stamp or felt-tipped marker with permanent, weatherproof ink or other approved methods that do not deform the metal. For seam welds, place identification marks adjacent to the welds at one meter 3 foot intervals. Confine identification by die stamps or electric etchers to the weld reinforcing crown, preferably in the finished crater.

3.2 WELDING OPERATORS

Perform welding in accordance with qualified procedures using qualified
welders and welding operators.

3.3 SUPPORTS

Welding of hangers, supports, and plates to structural members shall conform to AWS D1.1/D1.1M.

3.4 EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS

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NOTE: Information based on the two tables must be developed and included in each project specification. Tables must clearly define the systems to be inspected and the type of NDE required. Specify 100 percent NDE when required by UFC 3-460-01, "Design: Petroleum Fuel Facilities"
and 49 CFR 195, as covered by paragraph entitled
"Piping Subject to 100 percent NDE."

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Visual and nondestructive examinations shall be performed [by the
Government] [by the Contractor] to detect surface and internal
discontinuities in completed welds. [Employ the services of a qualified
commercial inspection or testing laboratory or technical consultant
approved by the Contracting Officer.] Visually examine welds
[Radiographic,] [Liquid penetrant,] [Magnetic particle,] [or] [Ultrasonic]
examination shall be required as indicated in Tables [IV] [and] [V]
attached to this section [or in accordance with other sections where
detailed requirements are specified]. Random NDE testing applies to
ASME B31.3 and ASME B31.4 piping unless specified otherwise. When
examination and testing indicates defects in a weld joint, a qualified
welder shall repair the weld in accordance with the paragraph entitled
"Corrections and Repairs" of this section.

3.4.1 Random NDE Testing

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NOTE: The paragraphs will be edited and inserted if
necessary to ensure proper implementation of the
"CONTRACTOR QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM." The
specification writer or design engineer must
indicate how much quality control of welding is
needed for each project and who is to be
responsible, i.e., primarily the Contractor or the
Government. If quality control is to be the
responsibility of the Government, delete paragraphs
entitled "Performance" and "Qualification of
Inspection and Nondestructive Examination (NDE)
Personnel" through "NDE Personnel Qualification" and
renumber paragraphs as necessary. Rarely will a
project require 100 percent testing of welds by NDE
methods. The designer must determine the required
methods and the extent of inspection and testing and
must indicate the extent in this or other sections of
the project specifications or on the project
drawings by notes, nondestructive test symbols, or
other means. The referenced applicable publications
and Army Technical Manual, "Welding Design,
Procedures and Inspection," TM-5-805-7, will be used
for guidance in determining inspection and testing
requirements. The specifications or project
drawings must clearly indicate which joints require
100 percent NDE inspection, which joints require
random NDE inspection, and which NDE methods are to
be employed for each joint. For random inspection,
the project drawings must indicate the location,
number of joints, and minimum increment length of
weld that will be subject to NDE inspection without
predisclosing the exact spots to be examined. Joints
not indicated to be tested by NDE methods shall be
subject to visual inspection only. In cases where
the nature of the welding is such as to require
visual inspection only, the requirements for
nondestructive examinations should be deleted from
these paragraphs and from paragraph entitled
"Qualification of Inspection and Nondestructive Examination (NDE) Personnel."

NOTE: This paragraph will be deleted when the Contractor is not required to perform random inspection. Edit to delete any listed nondestructive test method which is inapplicable.
Insert a number from 1 to 99 for percent of welds to be randomly inspected; 10 percent is recommended for most projects.

When [radiographic,] [liquid penetrant,] [magnetic particle,] [or] [ultrasonic] examination is required, test a minimum of [10] [_____] percent of the total length or number of piping welds. Randomly select the welds examined, but include an examination of welds made by each welding operator or welder. If random testing reveals that a weld fails to meet minimum quality requirements, examine an additional [10] [_____] percent of the welds in that same group. If the additional welds examined meet the quality requirements, the entire group of welds represented shall be accepted and the defective welds shall be repaired. If any of the additional welds examined also fail to meet the quality requirements, that entire group of welds shall be rejected. Remove and reweld rejected welds or examine rejected welds 100 percent and remove and reweld defects.

3.4.2 Visual Examination

Visually examine welds as follows:

a. Before welding -- for compliance with requirements for joint preparation, placement of backing rings or consumable inserts, alignment and fit-up, and cleanliness.

b. During welding -- for conformance to the qualified welding procedure.

c. After welding -- for cracks, contour and finish, bead reinforcement, undercutting, overlap, and size of fillet welds.

3.4.3 Nondestructive Examination

NOTE: Delete any nondestructive test method not required. If magnetic particle inspection is required, specify whether wet or dry particle method is appropriate.

NDE shall be in accordance with written procedures. Procedures for [radiographic,] [liquid penetrant,] [magnetic particle,] [or] [ultrasonic] tests and methods shall conform to ASME BPVC SEC V. The approved procedure shall be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Contracting Officer's QA personnel. In addition to the information required in ASME BPVC SEC V, the written procedures shall include:

a. Timing of the nondestructive examination in relation to the welding operations.
b. Safety precautions.

3.4.4 Examinations and Tests by the Government

Examinations and tests will conform to paragraphs "Visual Examination" and "Nondestructive Examination" of this section, except that destructive tests may be required also. When destructive tests are made, qualified welders or welding operators shall make repairs using welding procedures which will develop the full strength of the members cut. Welding shall be subject to examination and tests in the mill, shop, and field.

3.4.5 Piping Subject to 100 Percent NDE

**ASME B31.4 [and ASME B31.3]** Piping Subject to 100 Percent NDE: 100 percent of each day's girth welds installed in the following locations shall be nondestructively examined 100 percent by radiographic, magnetic particle, or liquid penetrant examination unless impracticable, in which case at least 90 percent must be examined. Nondestructive examination must be impracticable for each girth weld not examined.

a. At onshore locations where a loss of hazardous liquid (petroleum, petroleum products, or anhydrous ammonia) could reasonably be expected to pollute stream, river, lake, reservoir, or other body of water, and any offshore area;

b. Within railroad or public road rights-of-way;

c. At overhead road crossings and within tunnels;

d. Within the limits of any incorporated subdivision of a State government; and

e. Within populated areas, including, but not limited to, residential subdivisions, shopping centers, schools, designated commercial areas, industrial facilities, public institutions, and places of public assembly.

3.5 ACCEPTANCE STANDARDS

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NOTE: These acceptance standards are taken from ASME B31.1 and are suitable for most jobs. Evaluations of indications as given in ASME B31.1 are applicable to these standards. Visual acceptance standards are given for some other piping codes. It should be noted that specific project design requirements may necessitate revision or expansion to cover different items of work and varying standards of acceptance.

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3.5.1 Visual

The following indications are unacceptable:

a. Cracks--external surface.

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NOTE: In the text below, if only ASME B31.3 is
applicable, delete all text in brackets. For ASME B31.3 under normal service conditions, use 25 percent with text in brackets and omit last sentence in brackets. For ASME B31.4 use 12.5 percent, and add the material in brackets pertaining to B31.4. Consider use of ASME B31.1 acceptance standard for codes other than B31.3 and B31.4.

b. Undercut on surface which is greater than 1.00 mm 1/32 inch deep [or [25 percent for ASME B31.3] [and] [12.5 percent for ASME B31.4 and ASME B31.9] of the wall thickness, whichever is less,] provided that the remaining wall thickness is not less than the minimum design thickness. [For ASME B31.4 and in accordance with API Std 1104, undercuts over 0.40 mm through 0.80 mm 1/64 inch through 1/32 inch or over 6 to 12.5 percent of the pipe wall thickness, whichever is smaller, shall not exceed 51 mm 2 inches in a continuous weld length of 305 mm 12 inches or 1/6 the length of the weld, whichever is smaller; and undercuts 0.40 mm 1/64 inch or 6 percent of the wall thickness, whichever is smaller, are acceptable regardless of length.]

NOTE: Include Tables I, II, or III below as applicable to project.

c. Weld reinforcement:

(1) ASME B31.1, conform to Table I.

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### NOTES:

1. For double welded butt joints, this limitation on reinforcement given above shall apply separately to both inside and outside surfaces of the joint.
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**NOTES:**

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2. Height: For "Normal Service" and "Severe Cyclic" conditions, use the listed value. For "Category D Fluid Service," use twice the listed value. Measure from surfaces of adjacent components. The lesser of the two measurements, in any plane through the weld, shall not exceed the applicable value at right. Weld metal shall merge smoothly into component surfaces.

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(3) **ASME B31.4**, conform to Table I for under 175 degrees C 350 degrees F.

(4) **ASME B31.5**, conform to Table III.
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(5) **ASME B31.9**: Thickness of weld reinforcement shall not exceed 4.80 mm \(3/16\) inch.

d. Lack of fusion on surface.

e. Incomplete penetration (applies only when inside surface is readily accessible).

f. Convexity of fillet weld surface greater than 10 percent of longest leg plus 1.0 mm 0.03 inch.

g. Concavity in groove welds.

h. Concavity in fillet welds greater than 2.0 mm \(1/16\) inch.

i. Fillet weld size less than indicated or greater than 1 1/4 times the minimum specified fillet leg length.

3.5.2 Magnetic Particle Examination

The following relevant indications are unacceptable:

a. Any cracks and linear indications.

b. Rounded indications with dimensions greater than 5.0 mm \(3/16\) inch.

c. Four or more rounded indications in a line separated by 2.0 mm \(1/16\) inch or less edge-to-edge.
d. Ten or more rounded indications in any 3870 square mm 6 square inches of surface, with the major dimension of this area not to exceed 150 mm 6 inches, with the area taken in the most unfavorable location relative to the indications being evaluated.

3.5.3 Liquid Penetrant Examination

Indications whose major dimensions are greater than 2.0 mm 1/16 inch shall be considered relevant. The following relevant indications are unacceptable:

a. Any cracks or linear indications.

b. Rounded indications with dimensions greater than 5.0 mm 3/16 inch.

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3.5.4 Radiography

Welds that are shown by radiography to have any of the following discontinuities are unacceptable:

a. Any type of crack or zone of incomplete fusion or penetration.

b. Any other elongated indication which has a length greater than:

   (1) 6.0 mm 1/4 inch for t up to 19.0 mm 3/4 inch, inclusive;

   (2) 1/3 t for t from 19.0 mm 3/4 inch to 57.00 mm 2 1/4 inches, inclusive;

   (3) 19.00 mm 3/4 inch for t over 57.00 mm 2 1/4 inches where t is the thickness of the thinner portion of the weld.

("t" pertains to the thickness of the weld being examined. If a weld joins two members having different thickness at the weld, "t" is the thinner of these two thicknesses.)

c. Any group of indications in line that have an aggregate length greater than t in a length of 12t, except where the distance between the successive indications exceeds 6L where L is the longest indication in the group.

d. Porosity in excess of that shown acceptable in Appendix A-250, Acceptance Standard for Radiographically Determined Rounded Indications in Welds, ASME BPVC SEC I.

3.5.5 Ultrasonic Examination

Permitted for ASME B31.3 and ASME B31.4 piping only. Linear type discontinuities are unacceptable if the amplitude exceeds the reference level and discontinuities have lengths which exceed the following:
a. 6.0 mm 1/4 inch for t up to 19.0 mm 3/4 inch

b. 1/3 t for t from 19.0 mm 3/4 inch to 57.0 mm 2 1/4 inches

c. 19.0 mm 3/4 inch for t over 57.0 mm 2 1/4 inches

("t" is the thickness of the weld being examined. If the weld joins two
members having different thickness at the weld, "t" is the thinner of
these two thicknesses. Discontinuities are interpreted to be cracks, lack
of fusion, and incomplete penetration are unacceptable regardless of
length.)

3.6 CORRECTIONS AND REPAIRS

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NOTE: Insert the applicable ANSI piping codes.
ANSI B31.2, "Fuel Gas Piping," and ASME B31.8, "Gas
Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems," not
listed under paragraph entitled "References," may be
used.
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Remove defects and replace welds as specified in [ANSI Piping Standards]
[____], unless otherwise specified. Repair defects discovered between
weld passes before additional weld material is deposited. Wherever a
defect is removed, and repair by welding is not required, the affected
area shall be blended into the surrounding surface eliminating sharp
notches, crevices, or corners. After defect removal is complete and
before rewelding, reexamine the area by the same test methods which first
revealed the defect to ensure that the defect has been eliminated. After
rewelding, reexamine the repaired area by the same test methods originally
used for that area. For repairs to base material, the minimum examination
shall be the same as required for butt welds. Indication of a defect
shall be regarded as a defect unless reevaluation by NDE or by surface
conditioning shows that no unacceptable indications are present. The use
of foreign material to mask, fill in, seal, or disguise welding defects
will not be permitted.

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table must be developed and included in each project
specification. Tables must clearly define the
systems to be inspected and the type of NDE
required. Specify 100 percent NDE when required by
UFC 3-460-01, "Design: Petroleum Fuel Facilities"
and 49 CFR 195, as covered by paragraph entitled
"Piping Subject to 100 Percent NDE." Where appears,
select 100 percent or random but not both.
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1. Thickness refers to pressure boundary wall thickness (such as pipe wall, fitting wall, or nozzle wall thickness).

2. All welds must be given a visual examination in addition to type of specific nondestructive examination specified.

3. NPS-Nominal Pipe Size.

4. RT-Radiographic examination; MT-magnetic particle examination; PT-liquid penetrant examination.

5. RT of branch welds shall be performed before any nonintegral reinforcing material is applied.

6. The thickness of buttwelds is defined as the thicker of the two abutting ends after end preparation.

7. Temperatures and pressures shown are design.

8. In lieu of radiography of welded branch connections when required above, liquid penetrant or magnetic particle examination is acceptable and, when used, shall be performed at the lesser of one-half of the weld thickness or each 50 mm of weld thickness and all accessible final weld surfaces.
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